

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please accept amended claims 18 and 19 as follows:

1-17. (cancelled)

18. (currently amended) A liquid crystal display, comprising:

a first substrate;

a pixel electrode formed on said first substrate, said pixel electrode having a first opening in or a first ~~projection protruding from a surface~~ projected portion of said pixel electrode,

wherein at least one of the first opening and or the first ~~projection~~ projected portion form a substantially ~~circular or ellipsoidal~~ elliptical or curved shape.

19. (currently amended) The liquid crystal display of claim 18, further comprising:

a second substrate facing the first substrate;

an electrode formed on said second substrate, said electrode having a second opening in or a second ~~projection protruding from a surface~~ projected portion of said electrode,

wherein any of the first opening or the first ~~protrusion~~ projected portion and any of the second opening or the second ~~protrusion~~ projected portion form a substantially ~~circular, elliptical~~ or curved shape.